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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 15, and please add new claims 16 to 31 as follows:

--16. (New) A brushless D.C. drive comprising:

a synchronous motor including a multiphase armature winding;

a switching device controllable by an electronic controller to commutate the multiphase armature winding, and being connected upstream from the multiphase armature winding; and

a device to generate a fail-silent response, and including a separating arrangement to respond to a fault by separating connections between winding phases of the multiphase armature winding.

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